

Shafts From Sportland

By G. MALBERT

Surely there are some people in Richmond who remember Ed. Barrow, the man who was recently elected to the presidency of the Eastern League to succeed Pat Powers?

Ed. Barrow, then the manager of the Toronto club, in the early Atlantic League, became well acquainted with Jake Wells, who was back in—O, it's too long ago to bring up embarrassing details. Jake Wells and Barrow really were chums.

That was in the day when Jake Wells walked into a trunk store to buy a trunk strap. The late Harvie Spence was running the trunk store, on the wrong side of Broad Street, in the building which has been known as Barton's Opera House. The seats which were used in the days when the building was used as a theatre had not been removed.

Wells looked at the seats and then looked at the stage on which the many trunks spread out for the delectation of the people who arrived to buy. He was a poor struggling manager of the Richmond club, and he was looking for a chance to get into something else. Even while he was looking he was framing in his mind a way to get hold of that building.

When he next went to Toronto he talked the matter over with Barrow. The Canadian manager looked at him with favor on the scheme, and entered into a partnership with the ambitious Wells. He came to Richmond, and he asked advice from many of the good and substantial people of this city. The outcome was that they decided to open a vaudeville house.

Arrangements were made and contracts entered into with the old Barton Opera House, later known as Spence's trunk and shoe store, would be restored to its former glory and would blossom forth as a first-class family vaudeville theatre.

Then Barrow got cold feet. He proceeded to welsh. What had appeared to him as a glowing opportunity became a frost, and he was anxious to get out of the city. He was then the manager of the Patterson team. Wells talked to McKee, whose home was in Pittsburgh, and the two got together, with the result that a partnership was formed and

Barrow's interest was bought out. The success of the firm is too recent to need further exploitation in this column.

However, it might be well to let the people of Richmond know that this same Charles L. McKee was the discoverer of Home Wagner. The unsavory Dutchman first worked on the Patterson team. McKee could do little with him, but thought well of his ability. He played with Patterson for two seasons and was then sold to Louisville, from which city he passed to Pittsburgh. The rest is an open book.

All of which simply goes to show that many interesting things happen with which the Sage is going to get about which we have little knowledge. As before stated, youth will claim its toll.

Another piece of news which is productive of much thought is the statement that Cy Young, former member of the Boston club, and last season champion with the Naps, is going to get out of baseball. After twenty years' continuous service, during which a record second to none has been made, he is going to retire. Many of us who have followed the game year in and year out, and who have come to regard Cy as a fixture, will be disappointed upon his final elimination. As before stated, youth will claim its toll.

Talked to a man yesterday, who said that Consolvo was fooling everybody, and that he had the Virginia League just where he wanted it. Such a statement to me sounds funny. Personally, I can't see where Consolvo can do anything without the consent of the league. But the Thursday conference should tell it all.

A fool there was—and he drank eggnog, mixed up with other kinds of grog, and he walked and fell like a waterlog, and some folks called him a "Christmas" even as you and I.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Matinee and night, "Seven Days."
Bijou—Matinee and night, "The Joy Riders."
Lubin—Vaudeville.

"Seven Days." The comedy by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, which the Wagners & Kemper Company will present at the Academy, is a matinee and night, has been generally commended for the two-fold merit of cleverness and cleanliness. The story has made an extremely convincing play and has kept it free from the least suspicion of indecency. Life said of the play:

"Fun and nothing but fun is to be found in 'Seven Days.' It is farce absolutely, but it is farce of clever lines and unusual ingenuity. Better than that, it is clean farce, and gives the lie to a belief prevalent in some managerial quarters that to please the big American public fun must be taken 'Seven Days' certainly is laugh-provoking almost to excess."

Kyle Bellows in "Haffes." Kyle Bellows, an actor of rare finish, made his debut in Haffes, in which he made so tremendous a success, some six years ago, and in which he will again appear in a noteworthy revival at the Academy Tuesday and Wednesday. The best part of his performance is his impersonation of a convincing sincerity and a tenderness that appeals to the most hardened person in the audience. His remarkable skill is may be judged by his winning the sympathy of every one in the audience for Haffes, whom we all know to be a desperate thief, yet whom all wish to see carried to the good woman he loves.

Al. H. (Metz) Wilson. In the presentation of "Metz in Ireland," which comes to the Academy on Thursday, matinee and night, Al. H. Wilson, the German dialect comedian, is keeping up his reputation for giving the public clean and wholesome fun. This comedian has never yet appeared in a performance in which there was the slightest sug-

gestion of vulgarity or indecency, and his hold on the theatregoing public throughout the country is due to the fact that never once has there been a character introduced in one of his plays that could in any way be looked upon as a caricature of the German race. This season Mr. Wilson has a budget of new songs, and as he sings as delightfully as ever, they will be delightful musical treat.

"The Firing Line." On Saturday, matinee and night, at the Academy, N. G. Delamater will present "The Firing Line," the very first dramatization of any of the novels of Robert W. Chambers. The stage production is by Richard W. Wallace, coauthor with David Belasco of "The Rose of the Rancho," and closely follows the book. The producing company is made up of well-known metropolitan players, and the scenic equipment will be perfect in every detail.

Geo. Sidney at Bijou. Musical comedy in all that the name implies will be the offering at the Bijou Theatre all this week. George Sidney, (Bobby Lee) and his company of funmakers, including Miss Carrie Webber, will begin an engagement with a matinee today. Mr. Sidney will present his new musical comedy, "The Joy Rider." It has been several years since Mr. Sidney first began playing the character of Bobby Lee, which he is prominently identified. Mr. Sidney is wholly original in style, and his quiet, unostentatious humor is irresistible. He is a convincing character, with no attempt at straining for facts, while his inherent sense of humor is always present.

Campaign to Raise Funds. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., December 25.—The directors of the local Y. M. C. A. are preparing for a campaign to raise funds early during the coming year to equip the island in the James River recently donated for the purpose by the Craddock-Terry Company. The island is to be connected with the city by a bridge, and will have country club features, and in addition, tennis diamonds and courts for all-out-door sports. The association hopes to have a public building erected on the island for use in the 1912 summer season.

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News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau, The Times-Dispatch, 1195 Hull Street.

Under the eyes of an officer an unidentified man, believed to be a negro, shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning attempted to rob the store of the Sterling Shoe Company, 1213 Hull Street, but made his escape, although fired upon three times by Patrolman Westcott. Entrance to the shop was effected by the would-be thief by hurrying a rock through a large plate glass window, which was valued at about \$50.

Officer Westcott's attention to the thief was attracted by crashing glass. He turned in time to see the form of a man step through the opening, and opened fire unsuccessfully attempting to capture him.

Evidently the man had carefully made plans to loot the shoe store, for the officer noted that he ran through the building, and was lost after leaving a rear door, which he apparently had opened before making his entrance through the front. The alertness of the officer prevented the loss of any stock.

Other Windows Smashed. Three other windows were smashed early yesterday morning, but it is believed that this was done through malicious mischief. Broken panes were found at the establishments of the Donald-Hiss Liquor Company, 113 Hull Street; Morton's grocery store, Fourteenth and Hull; and J. T. Willard's, Twelfth and Hull, but nothing was missing at any of these places.

Post-Office Hours To-Day. The Manchester post-office will observe today a half-day holiday, but the general delivery, the carrier and registry windows will be open from 8 to 10 o'clock. There will be no mail collection, and only one early morning collection. Postmaster Smith said last night that there are no persons authorized to deliver to persons to whom they are addressed.

Many Drunks Arrested. From Saturday night until day-break the South Richmond police were kept busy, and the work was greatly augmented by the presence of special officers. There were more than a score of arrests of drunk and disorderly persons, both white and colored.

William Johnson, colored, was arrested yesterday in Henrico county by the Southside authorities, who wanted him on a charge of attempting to defraud a local furniture house.

Small Fire. Slight damage was done by fire last night shortly after 6 o'clock, when a pile of rubbish on the property of C. A. Davidson, 101 Hull Street, was set on fire. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Saloons Closed To-Day. The saloons of South Richmond will be closed to-day in compliance with the order of Judge Witt, which forbids the holding of the Christmas closing law to be enforced to-day.

Sixteen Negroes Caught. Sixteen negroes were caught last night about 6 o'clock, when Officers Yarnack, Moore and Donahy swooped down upon a speakeasy, where they were holding house, at Twenty-first and Hull Streets.

The place, which was conducted by Lee Armstrong, the manager, was raided. About two gallons of whiskey were obtained yesterday, which justified the raid. About two gallons of whiskey were obtained yesterday, which justified the raid.

"MOTHER SHIPS" FOR SUBMARINES
Columbia and Minneapolis Will Be Converted Into Floating Supply Depots.

Washington, December 25.—It would be hard to find a more striking illustration of the great change that has taken place in naval design within the past few years than will be afforded by the conversion of the triple screw cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis into "mother ships" for submarine boats. The two vessels were constructed to destroy the commerce of an enemy on the seas, consequently they were filled with boilers, engines and machinery designed to make them speedy enough to overtake even the fastest ocean liners. But the mercantile marine progressed in speed more rapidly than the navy, and within a few years after they were launched the twenty-knot "pirates," as the two cruisers were called, were really outclassed compared with the swift boats on the transatlantic service. Chief Constructor Watt therefore has recommended to the Navy Department, and also to Congress, that the Columbia and the Minneapolis be turned into "mother ships." He points out the vulnerability of the vessels, which are too weak to stand before the warship and too big for police work, which is better done by smaller gunboats. He could remove about two-thirds of the boiler power and two of the three engines in each ship, so as to make them economical in operation. Equipped with dynamo for recharging the storage batteries of submarines, and with ample room for their supplies, each of the vessels should be able to "mother" several submarines, even though the changes will be about \$150,000 for each ship.

Although they only went in commission a few years ago, the old battleships Georgia and Virginia need overhauling and modernizing in many respects. The changes relate to the hull, the masts, the ammunition hoists, turret turning gear, fire control stations and magazine cooling systems. The changes will cost \$1,000,000 in each case. Extensive changes also must be made in the Duquesne, Marettta, Paducah, Arctura, Justin, Saturn and Indiana, and altogether the bill for repairs and changes on these ships during the next year or two will aggregate \$1,450,000.

RAILROAD SURVEY HAS BEEN COMPLETED

New Electric Line Will Run From Cumberland, Md., to Winchester—Wealthy Men Back of Project.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winchester, Va., December 25.—A large corps of engineers, which has been at work for several months, has completed a detail survey for a proposed electric line from Cumberland, Md., to Winchester, and it was stated here yesterday that some of the wealthiest business men and financiers of Western Maryland are behind the project. A number of local financiers are also interested in the new railroad, which is to be forty-six miles long, and will have already been built from Frostburg to Cumberland, and it is the intention of the company to continue the work.

The route of the new line, as soon as favorable weather conditions permit, the road will cross the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Green Spring, Hampshire county, W. Va., and will run almost parallel with that line to Winchester, which will be the southern terminus. The new road will pass through the now famous Apple Ridge section of Frederick county, and also through the Back Creek Valley. A large number of farmers and stock growers who own land along the route have sold rights of way at nominal figures, while others have donated such rights without exacting a price.

A letter from Chicago states that a divorce has been granted in that city by Judge Honore, a justice of the peace, from his wife, Mrs. Helen K. Wille Laughlin, who is one of a number of pretty and attractive sisters who have been popular in society circles for a number of summers in Winchester. She is now with her mother, Mrs. Mary Wille, in Baltimore. The terms of the decree she is permitted to resume her maiden name, which, it is said, she has already done. The marriage of Mr. Laughlin and Miss Wille took place several years ago, but they did not live together long. A separation recently was agreed upon, and the grounds of desertion. The wife was charged with desertion, and she did not appear in court.

Mrs. California A. Weaver, wife of John Weaver, who committed suicide a few days ago by hanging himself from a tree in Harpersburg, was a member of the well-known Laughlin family, and had a number of family connections in this part of the State. They lived in Norfolk before going to Harpersburg. Mrs. Weaver's health had been delicate for a long time, and relatives say she took her own life because she was unable to get along. The wife was charged with desertion, and she did not appear in court.

A large number of farmers in the Cumberland Valley who were told by the farmers' union that they were to be sold their land for a large sum of money by following the advice of the farmers' union, and that the farmers were compelled to sell at much lower prices than they expected. The farmers of this locality, however, have been told by the farmers' union that they were to be sold their land for a large sum of money by following the advice of the farmers' union, and that the farmers were compelled to sell at much lower prices than they expected.

Rev. A. M. Courtney, the Methodist minister who was flooded three times last week by the editor of the Zanesville (Ohio) Herald, the editor of the paper had been slapped by the minister, was formerly pastor of Market Street Episcopal Church, of Winchester, and he was slapped by the minister, was formerly pastor of Market Street Episcopal Church, of Winchester, and he was slapped by the minister.

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Miss Laura Lockhart, a member of the nurse's staff of the Winchester Memorial hospital, is seriously injured, and she is in a serious condition, and she is in a serious condition, and she is in a serious condition.

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When a young man applied for a marriage license for the holidays, he declared that the worst winter they ever experienced is now in progress in the West Virginia mountains west and north of Winchester, and that there has been much suffering by poor people, who were caught unprepared by the cold weather and snow. There has been about twenty-four inches of snow on the ground for the past month, and snow has fallen practically every day for several weeks. Many of the mountain roads are impassable, and in some instances roads have been

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PUTS TWO BULLETS IN NEGRO'S HEART

White Barber Held for Grand Jury as Result of Sunday Killing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Emporia, Va., December 25.—Robert D. Williams, a North Emporia barber, shot and instantly killed Pleasant Hinton, a negro, this morning at the home of the former, one and a half miles west of town.

Williams put two bullets through the man's breast, and death ensued within three minutes. An eyewitness to the tragedy stated that Hinton began applying vile epithets to Williams because he had ordered him away from the premises. The negro is said to have abused the barber in a threatening manner, and during the same time declaring he had shot one white man in North Carolina and could do it here.

Both men when in the public highway faced each other, the negro assuming a threatening attitude. Mr. Williams, whirling out his revolver, proceeded to defend himself. Either one of the bullets would have caused instant death.

Dr. Lucian Lofton, coroner of the county, held an investigation, the jury setting in the case recommending that Williams be held for the next term of the grand jury.

Mr. Williams was bailed in the sum of \$500 this afternoon.

ROMANCE IN BALLOON TRIP

Miss Blanche Howell, Now His Wife. With Dr. Stowell, New His Wife. Pittsfield, Mass., December 25.—Miss Blanche Howell, a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Training School for Nurses, and Dr. Stowell, a dentist, of this city, were married at the parsonage of the South Congregational Church, in Brookline, by the Rev. C. Rexford Raymond, pastor. Miss Howell and Dr. Stowell met on the grounds at the Aero Park, in this city, last 1909, on the occasion of one of the most remarkable ballooning trips. Dr. Stowell's balloon flights to qualify as a pilot of the Aero Club.

Miss Howell was interested in the preparations for the flight, and Dr. Stowell invited her to be his guest. She accepted, and their flight was the most remarkable in ballooning. Dr. Stowell had always believed that the balloon without gas would parachute and land safely. He made the experiment, and the big bag formed a perfect parachute and drifted safely to earth.

Miss Howell corresponded with Dr. Stowell after her return to New York, and the balloon trip resulted in their engagement. They will live in this city.

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